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"I suppose that is a rebuke to me,"
Margaret made answer to the Doctor.
"You see, I am always ready to improve everything and everybody but myself."

"Which needs improving sadly," interposed Brian, entering at this moment. "I have a scolding for you, Margaret. I thought—"

"I know," answered Margaret, rather contritely. "I am really very sorry. Doctor Wilson has excused me, and I have promised to do better for the fu
"Come Doctor" said Margaret be
"Gome Doctor" said Margaret be-

have promised to do better for the fu-

"No more. That is always your cry when you need a lecture. I see you and Wilson are friends already. I thought you would be. Effects of kindred tastes. Where did you walk this afternoon? To the and of greation?"

the end of creation?"

"Oh, no. Only within the bounds of
New York. I was not gone so very long,
really; but I decided to go so late

Another inopportune decision. I won-der when you are half way to heaven if you won't turn back and try the other place, just to differ from the rest of the world. Wilson, behold the very incarnation of self-will. Leaving out this little failing, she deserves Bertie's culogies, and I am wonderfully proud of her."

her."

"Very consoling. I thank you, sir.
For reward I'll give you your dinner. I
dare say you are ready for it."

"Decidedly, Margaret. I had a
wretched lunch and my appetite is now
in prime condition. I wish Wilson would
make a like admission just to keep me in

in prime condition. I wish Wilson would make a like admission just to keep me in countenance. I don't expect much from you. Shall we progress?"

"I have been telling Mrs. Leigh how much I admire your charming home," remarked Wilson when they were comfortably seated about the table. "I have always had a prejudice against apartments, but this one has thoroughly apartments, but this one has thoroughly

apartments, but this one has thoroughly converted me."

"I like them," said Brian, following Wilson's glance around the room. "Much more cozy than a house. This one was my choice, though Margaret gave me the cue. I must let her have the credit for all these fixings, however. This room was much more empty when we first moved in; now it seems real homelike. It is astonishing what a woman's hands can do."

"Astonishing," repeated Wilson, musingly. "Don't make me bewall my lone.

"Don't make me bewall m ly estate more deeply, I beg of you. Think how these delightful rooms compare with my dull quarters. No wonder you don't care to show yourself there. You are such a stranger that I was wondering to-day what you do with your

"What?" repeated Margaret in her own mind, while she gave brian a rather

searching glance.

He pretended not to see it, however. "Oh, I'm around generally," he answered rather unsatisfactorily. "I don't find any difficulty in occupying my time. I'll run in upon you some night. Though while Margaret is here—"

"You will be taking her about a great deal of course. Under those circum-

deal, of course. Under those circumstances don't consider me. I hope you like sight-seeing, Mrs. Leigh. Other-wise you must find it extremely tire-some. Or perhaps you are one of those fortunate individuals whose endurance is always equal to the emergency.

"Endurance," repeated Margaret, starting from her train of thought, "Do you know, Doctor, I think endurance is nothing more than determination or will. It is with me, at least. If I make up my mind to bear a thing I always bear it, and if I don't, I don't. You seem amused, Brian, but I'm sure you can say the same thing if you would. When I was a child I used to pinch my arm to see how long I could stand the pain without crying, but a reproving tap from my old nurse sent me into spasms of weeping. That was all will,

"All will," repeated Brian. "I thank you for telling us, Margaret. I can imagine how you tried that poor old nurse. What are you intending to illustrate?"

"Simply that our wills have everything to do with our feelings. Dr. Wilson wants to know if I find sight-seeing tiresome. I am afraid I do. But I like it, and so I quite forget that the hard pavements tire my feet most dreadfully, and that when I ride I'm jostled almost

pavements tire my feet most dreadfully, and that when I ride I'm jostled almost to death. Really, Doctor, you may say what you please about your wonderful city, but I think its streets are an everlasting disgrace to any civilized town.

"I have nothing to say in their defense," admitted the Doctor, with a laugh. "They are bad. Does your idea of endurance extend to social duties also?"

"Tes, certainly. Why should they be called duties, I wonder? I have a special distaste for that word. It carries with it the sense of obligation, and obligation is always disagreeable."

"Always?" questioned Wilson, rather quizzically. "I dare say you are right, though. Duty can be most unpleasant. We are queerly constituted at beet."

"I think we are rather natural, added Margaret. "It isn't to be expected that we women should like to do what we feel we ought. Just put must before a request and it grows disagreeable immediately for me. I might go to a ball and dance all night with a raging headache, but I wouldn't think of going to church in the same condition. I'd be

much too ill. I'm giving you a dreadful example, am I not? Well, I can only advise you to doneither as I say nor as I

"I always thought you religious, Mar-

"You have never thought anything of the kind," returned Margaret, meeting Brian mischievous eyes. "Why should you think so? Simply because I'm a woman. What a reason. I believe the world does think religion was made for women rather than men, though it is the men who really need it. Poor women! They are obliged to walk stiff and straight in a certain beaten track. They musin't do this. they musin't do that,

"Come, Doctor," said Margaret, be-fore Wilson could reply, "we will go to the parlor, and I promise to be very quiet and sedate for the rest of the evening. No doubt, you will find Brian's conversation much more instructive and entertaining."
When Wilson kad taken his departure

an hour or so later, Margaret turned to Brian with the remark: "I am so glad you brought him, Brian.

I like him so much."
"Then I don't believe I'll bring him ngain. I'm jealous of him. But, seriously, Margaret, he is quite a fine fellow. I wish I were half as fine. You should have heard the nice things he said about you. He is very anxious that you should see more of New York, and he mentioned several places that I had for otten about. He says you would like to see them, and so you shall. I've left you very much alone lately, but I intend to be more attentive hereafter." He knew that Margaret was pleased, from the happy light that stole into her

eyes.
"I believe that I shall be glad of the day I met Doctor Wilson," thought Margaret, as she crept into bed an hour

CHAPTER XVII.

A LIFTING OF THE CLOUDS. To Brian, the knowledge that Margaret had not lost all feeling for him, and that her faith in him was strong, notwithstanding his many falls, brought new strength and courage.

Under these circumstances Margaret felt her heart considerably lightened. She could look forward more hopefully to the future, and her letters took on something of her own cheerful spirit.

Brian could not fail to see the change, and it was equally apparent to Wilson, in his few brief visits. He only dropped in upon rare occasions now, seldom stayed long, and always claimed that he was too busy even to find time to see his friends.

"I suppose we must accept your excuses, Doctor," Margaret replied one evening to his usual plea. "Can't you teach your patients some idea of the fitness of things? Why should they all get sick together? I think a few might wait until the others are well.

"So they might, Mrs. Leigh, if they could see the matter from your point of view. Unfortunately, however, illness, like time and tide, waits for no man. We have had a very trying winter, and pneumonia is very prevalent. That has added considerably to my labors. I confess I am thoroughly tired out when night comes, and only too glad to creep

"And sleep in the comfortable sense

that your rest is well earned."
"Yee," he laughed, "though that is no proof against its being broken. The only time my profession brings a regret is when I hear my night beil jingling and I am called from a delightful

"Just as I've always said," observed Brian, with a side glance at Margaret. "A doctor's life is all work and no

"And you like the play best; don't you?" she rejoined, quickly. "Still, play or not, Brian, it is a very noble profession, and when I was a child I always declared I should be a doctor's wife." There was a decided question in the

eyes she fixed upon him. "Poor hargaret," he replied, joining in Wilson's laugh. "What a miserable concern you managed to get. Only the

"Don't be so generous with your sympathy, please. A beginning is better than nothing. An acorn is only the beginning of an oak, but we don't despise the acorn because it is not an oak—

Wilson, as well as Brian, caught the delicate emphasis on the yet, and he answered with a half smile:

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"Brian will become an houored member of the profession before his days are ended. I predict that, Mrs. Leigh."

"Ah, I have quite decided it," returned Margaret promptly. "Brian knows that as well as I do. I couldn't have all my childish calculations upset. I used to think Uncle Stephen the very personification of all things good and noble, and I wondered then if his son were anything like him. You see I had not met Brian."

"And now, Margaret, that you have met him?"

Brian came behind her chair with

Brian came behind her chair with this question. She glanced back at him and smiled,

"I never form an opinion of a book after reading only its first page. I must go deeper to see if it will realize or disappoint my expectations. Besides, I don't air my views in public. Speaking of views," she continued more lightly. "I have some I want to show you, Doctor. You must promise to think them very beautiful, or I shall be disappointed. Brian, will you get them, please?"

At this request Brian got out a small folio of wood cuts and pen pictures of various scenes about Elmwood and the surrounding country. They were all excellent, and wils n's appreciation was was warm enough to satisfy even Margaret's enthusiasm.

"Do you wonder that I am proud of

garet's enthusiasm.

"Do you wonder that I am proud of Elmwood?" she asked, after an animated description of several of its finest points. "Do you wonder that I should love it so dearly? My wonder is that Brian doesn't care for it as I do, for he was bora there. I think he has the least bit of fondness for a Bohemian existence. I am sorry for him, because I do think it a most unsatisfactory sort of life. I agree with George Eliot that life. I agree with George Eliot that we all should have one home spct that shall stand clearly out in memory, and to which our minds and hearts nay al-ways return, no matter how far we may have wandered from it."

Margaret broke off with a sigh "This." the added, taking up another picture in some haste, "is a side view of The Cedars, Colonel Barton's home. Brian and I were speaking of Bertie when you came in. He has finished his book and the publishers predict a great success for it." "Yes, I read it in the manuscript some time ago. I thought it excellent. Bertie is full of pluck and deserves success.

is full of pluck and deserves success. By the way, I met him to-day. He was in cheerful spirits. He tells me he has a charming wife. You know her, of course, Mrs. Leigh,"

"Almost like a sister, I may say. I hear from her quite frequently. She writes very delightful letters. She is constantly expressing the fear that I shall become so infatuated with New York and its pleasures that I shall forget what she calls their rural delights. I try to convince her that there is no

get what she calls their rural delights. I try to convince her that there is no danger of that."

"No. 1 fear you are too firm in your. opinions ever to be converted, no matter how earnestly we may try."

As he spoke, Wilson left the table and drew a chair close beside her, and Brian busied himself in gathering up the scattered pictures.

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"I acknowledge that I like your city
the least bit better than I did," admitted Margaret, "but further than that
I can not go. I torgot to tell you that
I saw your little cripple to-day. I
should think she was very "!!"

"Her life is a matter of but a few weeks at most," was his answer. "I thank you for your interest in her." "Please don't thank me. I'm won-derfully self-satisfied, and I may begin to think I've done something meritorious. Brian, do come from behind my chair. You make me think of Satan.

"Thanks for your compliment. Your candor is really refreshing. I want to hear about the new unfortunate. I guessed from your face at dinner that you had been on some errand of mercy." "I am sorry my face can not keep a secret better. Don't persuade Dr. Wilson that I am an indefatigable St. Elizabeth, ever bent on charitable missions,

Get in front of me, please.'

when I am merely a young woman who wants—who doesn't quite know what "Doesn't she? I think she succeeds

very well in getting it. If you will play St. Elizabeth, I suppose no words of mine will have any effect. I can only mildly hope that you will not quite kill yourself. But seriously, I do not like to think of you going around in all corts of paightpurposes and meeting all sorts of neighborhoods and meeting all kinds of characters. Of course, wherever Wilson recommends, is all right. Don't go entirely on your own judg-ment, though. I shudder at the thought."

TO BE CONTINUED.

Art of Beating Gold.

The process of preparing gold until it is reduced to a thickness of 1-280,-000 of an inch is necessary elaborate. The gold is first cast into ingots four inches in length and one inch in width, which weigh from ten to seventeen ounces, according to thickness. It is then passed between holished rollers, worked by steam, until it forms a ribbon twenty-eight yards long and 1.800 of an inch thick. These ribbons are then cut into 180 pieces, one inch square, and placed between vellum, and then the real business of the gold beater is begun. He beats for half an hour with a twenty-pound hammer, making the inch square into three inches square; then these pieces are quartered, becoming one and a half inch square. He beats again for one and a quarter hours, until the one and a half inch square becomes four inches square. The four inch pieces are again quartered and beaten and finally cut to proper size, viz., squares of three and three-eighth inches, of a thickness (or, rather, "thinness") of 1-280,000 of an inch, and in this shape the leaf is lifted into books of tissue paper.

A Mississippi Experiment.

A man named Gilbert and his sister, from the west, are going to pur-chase a small farm near Newton, Miss., on the products of which exclusively they expect to live, says the New York Tribune. They will raise their own food and make their own clothing; they propose to sell nothing and buy nothing. Mr. Gilbert was employed as an architect on some of the world's fair buildings. He has suffered from despepsia and nervousness, and attri-butes his illness to the tension of modern life. His sister is a graduate of a high school, and has been persuaded by her brother to join in the experi-

WITH ONE EXCEPTION, THE BILL IS NOW COMPLETE.

HAWAIIAN MATTER WENT OVER.

Only One Yea and Nay Vote Taken-New Hawaiian Treaty Eliminates Queen Lil From Consideration.

The senate made a great stride forward Tuesday by completing the consideration of the sugar schedule of the tariff bill except the provision relating to Hawaii, which went over.

This schedule has been the storm center of the entire bill and with it disposed of there is a better prospect for action on the bill as a whole. The first paragraph of the sugar schedule has served to bring out all the speeches and the test votes, and when this was passed early in the day, the other paragraphs of the schedule were agreed to without further opposition.

As agreed to, the schedule places on sugar not above No. 16 Dutch standard 1 cent per pound and .03 of a cent for every degree above 75, and on sugars above No. 16 Dutch standard 1.95 cents perpound, but on sugars testing below 87 degrees by the polariscope 1 cent per pound shall be deducted. The other provisions of the schedule relate to maple sugar, maple syrup, candy, etc. Only one yea and nay vote was taken during the day and that on the amendment of Mr. Lindsay of Kentucky, to make the ratio 1.8 cent per pound on sugar above No. 16 Dutch standard.

The amendment was defeated-32 to 35.

The Pettigrew amendment relating to trusts was then taken up and discussed at length. It developed considerable divergency of views on both sides of the chamber, the two Alabama senators, Messrs. Morgan and Pettus, joining Mr. Hoar, of Massachusetts, in opposition.

Mr. Allison finally tested the sense of the senate bill by moving to table the amendment, which motion prevailed—yeas, 35; nays, 32—two demo-crats, Morgan and McEnery, voting with the republicans and thus turning the scale against the amendment.

Consideration of the agricultural schedule was then resumed.

After the provision relating to the Hawaiian islands had been passed over, Mr. Allison moved to insert a new paragraph to be known as paragraph 206½, of which he had given notice. It is as follows:

"That the duties on molasses clayed, jaggery and other sugars testing not above 87 degress by the polariscope, shall be 1-10 of 1 per ceat. per pound less than those imposed by the preceding paragraph on correspond-

ing tests of sugar."

The paragraph was agreed to without objection.

Paragraph 207, relating to maple sugar and maple sirup, was agreed to as reported; also paragraph 208, relating to saccharine. The committee amendments to paragraph 209, relating to sugar candy and confectionery, were agreed to as reported.

Liliuokalani Not In It.

The one point of importance in which the Hawain treaty as now drawn up differs from the convention negotiated by Secretary Foster in President Harrison's administration, is the omission of any provision for ex-Queen Liliuokalani and Princess Kaiulani. In the original treaty it was provided that the government of the United States should pay the ex-queen the sum of \$20,000 cash and that amount of money as a pension each year during the remainder of her natural life, provided she, in good faith, submitted to the government of the United States and the local government of the islands. Princess Kaiulani being the next in line of royal blood, was to receive a cash payment of \$150,000, but no pension, under a similar proviso as in the case of the ex-queen.

It is understood that any objection that might have been expected to the annexation of the islands, based on the large proportion of coolies in the population, has been forestalled by an article not only prohibiting the further emigration of such laborers to the Hawaiian islands, but also prohibiting the coming of Chinamen from the islands to the United States.

MONEY IN VAULTS COUNTED.

Experts Find the Sum of \$195,383,000 In New York Sub-Treasury.

A New York dispatch says: The experts who came on from Washington some three weeks ago to count the money in the vaults of the sub-treas-

ury, completed their labors Tuesday.
They counted exactly \$195,383,000,
composed of: Notes, \$64,465,000; gold,
\$77,940,000; silver coin, \$52,739,000; minor coin, \$239,000.

The weight of the gold handled was

ten times as much. The accounts were "straight" save for a discrepancy of something like a dollar in the petty cash.

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